

SOLAR CELL STRUCTURE WITH SOLAR CELLS
HAVING REVERSE-BIAS PROTECTION
USING AN IMPLANTED CURRENT SHUNT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A solar cell structure includes a solar cell of two or more semiconductor
layers in facing contact with each other. The semiconductor layers constitute a
semiconductor junction producing a voltage between the semiconductor layers
when illuminated. A shunt formed of an altered material extends between and at
least partially through the semiconductor layers. The shunt has an asymmetric
10 current-voltage characteristic of passing a small current when voltage-biased in
a forward direction and passing a large current when voltage-biased in a reverse
direction.